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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-63 and substitute therefor new claims 64-157 as follows:

64. Apparatus for authenticating that certain information has been transmitted from a sender via a dispatcher to a recipient, the apparatus comprising:

means for providing a set A comprising a plurality of information elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , where said information element  $a_1$  is originated from the sender and comprising the contents of the information being electronically transmitted to said

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